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Council could go it alone and break free from Whitehall reins

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Could Kingston become the first local authority to secede from Whitehall and declare itself independent?

Talks have been under way for six months on plans for the borough to lead the way and free itself from budget restrictions imposed by the coalition Government's austerity.

Kingston Council leader Kevin Davis said he wanted to end reliance on an ever-shrinking yearly grant, and keep a greater proportion of business rates instead.

Coun Davis said: "I sit around every year, as every councillor does, waiting to see if they're going to hand it out to us or not.

"Nobody loses. Exactly the same amount of money would go back to central Government. If we attract more businesses we will get more business rates, retain more business rates and the amount of money will go up.

"The only time we would potentially have a problem is if the economy went pear-shaped and business collapsed all around us – but actually, we would have that problem anyway."

But eventually, he hopes, all revenue will stay in Kingston.

The talks have been held in an atmosphere

of increasing desire for devolution among cities and councils in the UK.

Later this month council leaders in east London will meet to discuss taking control of transport, business growth and more.

Business lobbying group London First advocates devolution for the capital, which it has said would allow the city to make "long-term investments in infrastructure".

Opposition leader Coun Liz Green called the plan "an excellent idea for Kingston" but said she thought Government would be unable to resist taking a slice of any extra business rate revenue the borough generated.

She said: "I think Government would look at it in the future and see Kingston as it has in the past, as a little bit of a cash cow.

"Government seems to think we have enough money. I don't agree."

Labour group leader Linsey Cottington said: "It certainly would be reasonable for the council to pursue this, just to see if there is any possibility. I don't think it's going to work because the Government won't let it."

Negotiations with the Department for Communities and Local Government were held at the same time as talks with Richmond Council, designed to save £8m a year by merging back-room staff.

Those talks stalled after the authorities could not agree on how councillors' voting decisions would be implemented.



Breaking away? Council leader Kevin Davis

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- Kingston collects about £82m in business rates, but half goes to Government and another fifth to the Greater London Authority.
- A Government tariff means the council in fact retains slightly less than its allocated 30 per cent; about £20m.
- The borough's total budget in 2014-15 was £131m.
- Kingston's support grant, currently about £24m, has been cut by £21.7m since 2010-11.

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Mini-Holland plans 'not set in concrete'

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Designers behind Kingston's mini-Holland project have admitted the £32m cycling scheme "may not deliver exactly what is in the pictures".

Cyclists have been left unimpressed by plans for the first phase of the scheme – a £1.3m segregated cycle lane along Portsmouth Road.

They were annoyed that early drawings showing a raised kerb and two-lane cycle path had been replaced with pictures showing just a single lane separating cyclists and cars by a white line painted down the road.

A public consultation into the project began on Monday.

But this week designers and project leaders, all cyclists themselves, said the drawings set out in the council's bid should not be seen as "set in concrete".

Jean-Christophe Chassard, who will oversee the scheme's landmark projects, including the proposed plaza outside Kingston station, said: "The bid was aspirational. We had to put some images down. Those should not confine us. Or be words or images set in concrete."

"We may not deliver exactly what there is in the pictures."



Kerb your enthusiasm

Cycling group unimpressed by cycle lane changes to £32m mini-Holland proposals

By Richard Barford
The scheme which will see a new Portsmouth Road cycle lane, will mean that the road will be closed to cars for a short period of time. The scheme will also see a new cycle lane along Portsmouth Road, which will be a single lane separating cyclists and cars by a white line painted down the road.

Cycle scheme: Last week's front page from our sister newspaper the Surrey Comet

Inderpal Singh Grewal, project manager for network share and principal routes, said: "We are keen to speak to people who know their local streets – that is vital."

"We do consultations so that people can have their say."

"We can't change the scheme to suit everyone, but we will be listening."

Project manager Peter Treadgold said: "When it comes to the final scheme that we implement its success will be measured by how safe people feel along that road and whether people use it."

"That includes pedestrians and

cyclists. It is about reallocation of road space.

"We will take the best from across the world and use that, but in the end this will be designed for Kingston. And we all want it to fit the needs of the people of Kingston."

"If you put something in that is not going to be used – what would be the point? There is no point putting something in that is not high enough quality. It is about getting that balance."

"It is not about the money. We have the money. We are looking for a great scheme."

He added there may be a way to access a pot of Transport for London funding should the project require more money, although this would not be known until work began.

More than 3,000 booklets outlining the scheme are set to be delivered to homes in and around Portsmouth Road shortly.

An exhibition on the scheme will take place at Guildhall 2 from January 26 to February 18.

There will also be two drop-in sessions where council officers will answer questions at Harts Boatyard, Portsmouth Road on Saturday, January 31, from 11am to 2pm; and in the Queen Anne suite, Guildhall, on Wednesday, February 4, from 6pm to 8pm.

The consultation will close on February 18.

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Changes: The latest artist's impressions show cyclists in Portsmouth Road separated from motor vehicles by just a white line. Cycling groups have expressed concerns

Matterhorn takes on multi-storey project

Kingston Council has chosen the company to take on the controversial redevelopment of Blagdon Road multi-storey car park in New Malden.

Matterhorn Capital has been selected to manage the project after it won a bidding war with Grainrent/Evolve.

The council has agreed to

support the company's proposal if they can secure planning permission for the site.

It is thought that the car park will predominantly be used by residents of the new Cocks Crescent development, which has also been a contentious planning proposal.

Councillor David Cunningham,

lead member for transport and environment, said: "Over the years the car park has fallen into disrepair and we have found a developer who is willing to refurbish it."

"The redevelopment of Cocks Crescent and the car park is something that New Malden badly needs."

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INDECENT COP: A Kingston policeman has been charged with making indecent images of children. Peter Ba Han, 52, is charged with 14 counts. He will next appear at Westminster Magistrates' Court on Monday, January 19. Mr Ba Han was originally arrested on October 8, 2013 after an investigation by the Directorate of Professional Standards. The police constable that served in Old Malden is currently suspended from duty.

AWARDS VOTE: Nominations for the annual mayor's Community Awards are now open. Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Ken Smith, wants to commend those that have done something to benefit their neighbourhood or the borough in the past year. To nominate someone, visit kingston.gov.uk. The deadline for submissions is 10am on Monday, February 9.

CRASH CASE: A teenager who allegedly drove a Mercedes the wrong way around Kingston one-way system before crashing into a traffic island has had his case adjourned. He will now appear in Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on January 28.

DRUG CHARGE: David Brigham, 45, of Lovelace Gardens, has been charged with the production of cannabis in Surbiton. He will appear at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on Wednesday, January 28.

MAN HARASSED: A Kingston woman has admitted harassing a man. Joanne Mercer, of Kingston Hill, appeared at Kingston Crown Court on Thursday, January 15, where she admitted harassing Michael Dale Beasleigh between October 20 and November 24 last year. She will be sentenced on Tuesday, February 3.

Recycling set to go fortnightly

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Plans to collect most of Kingston's recyclables fortnightly have been approved despite fierce resistance from many households and councillors.

The new rota will begin in January 2016.

One small alteration is bound to win approval: those little green food recycling bags, easy to overfill and difficult to tie up, will now come with handles.

But that small change is unlikely to fully appease opponents of the Conservative plan, voted through last Thursday, to save £4.2m over seven years by cutting back on collections.

Councillor Hilary Gander, Liberal Democrat lead member for the environment, said fewer collections would inconvenience residents and mean more waste going into landfill.

She said: "It's obvious. If you've got a grey bin collection and your other recycling is overflowing, you're just going to chuck everything in the grey bin."

But Coun David Cunningham, her Conservative opposite number, said: "We're really trying to put in a system that will help people put



New plans: Villiers Road waste recycling plant in Kingston

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things in the recycling.

"A large proportion of material that people put in landfill can be recycled."

"We know the mechanisms of it work, because I've been out to other boroughs to see it."

"There will be areas where people need extra boxes [which] we've factored into the costings."

Last year it was revealed half of the waste Kingston residents put into landfill

bins could have been recycled.

Labour group leader Coun Linsey Cottingham, who voted with the Conservatives, said: "I feel very strongly that every resident of Kingston has a responsibility to help save our planet. They need to do what they can to help the council in terms of recycling."

"The more money that we spend on recycling the less we have to spend on other

services."

Coun Cunningham also denied claims by Lib Dem MP Edward Davey that no consultation on the changes had taken place.

He said consultants contacted about 800 people for a survey.

He added: "We've not just gone out and decided willy-nilly what to do. It was based on detailed research."

The survey, by QA Research, found that "overall,

respondents were generally unsupportive of the proposed changes to the recycling collection that would see a fortnightly collection on alternate weeks".

A specific concern was waste build-up over the fortnight, the firm said, but it added there was "by no means an overwhelming rejection" of the plans.

For full details of what will be collected, and when, visit kingstonguardian.co.uk.

Girl hurt in crash at hospital

A girl aged seven was among three people hospitalised following a crash between a car and a pedestrian outside Kingston Hospital this afternoon.

Ambulance crews were called to Galsworthy Road just after 3.30pm.

A London Ambulance spokeswoman said this evening: "We were called at 3.39pm to reports of a road traffic collision involving a car and a pedestrian in Galsworthy Road in Kingston."

"We treated a girl reported to be seven years old for leg injuries."

"She was taken to St George's Hospital as a



Accident: Crews at the scene

priority, and a man reported to be in his 70s.

"We also treated a man and took him to Kingston Hospital."

Galsworthy Road was

closed and buses put on diversion as emergency services helped the injured, causing long tail-backs.

One motorist said: "There were two fire engines and Galsworthy Road was blocked off. The road further down [Kingston Hill] was completely blocked."

A Surrey Comet photographer caught in the traffic took these pictures, which show the roof of a silver car had been cut off.

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Budget store on the way

A new Aldi supermarket will open in early March in New Malden, it has been announced.

The 1,165sq m shop in Kingston Road, on the same retail park as Homebase and Matalan, has set a provisional opening date of Thursday, March 5.

The budget chain will provide 130 parking spaces at the site, and create 37 new jobs.

Aldi property director

Phillip Warner, a former Kingston University student, said: "New Malden has featured on our list for a new store for many years and we are all really excited about being part of the New Malden community. I used to live around here and it's great to be back in the borough."

The store plans to open from 8am to 10pm Monday to Saturday, and 10am to 4pm on Sundays.

Celebrate volunteers

Kingston Hospital will celebrate its volunteer force this March with two free events showcasing their work, writes Roxy Simons.

The "People Helping People" conference will be held in the hospital's education centre and will host two sessions with key note speakers, discussions on volunteering, and exhibitions.

The sessions will take place on Monday, March 16, and the first will run from 10am to 12.30pm, celebrating the work of volunteers past and present with an awards show and talks on volunteering.

To book a place, call 020 8934 3620 or email volunteering@kingstonhospital.nhs.uk.

Rush to flush for waiter as immigration cops raid

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A man tried to flush his waiter uniform down the toilet when immigration enforcement and Kingston police raided a popular Indian restaurant in Surbiton today.

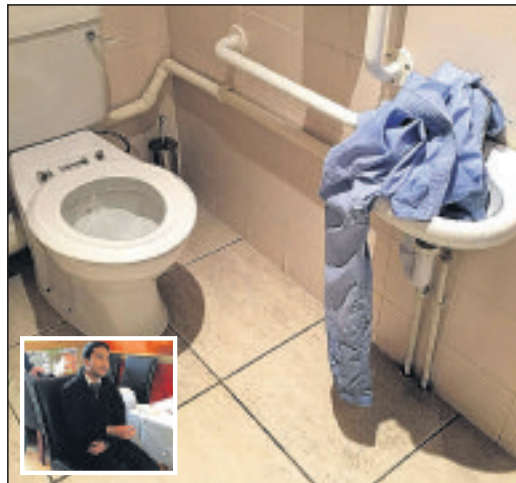
Officers turned up unannounced on Friday at Joy, in Brighton Road, after reports men were working in the restaurant illegally.

Two people in the restaurant were arrested for immigration offences and another man, who was in the Red Rose restaurant over the road, was caught allegedly trying to flee the scene and arrested for working in breach of immigration rules.

One man locked himself in the bathroom and tried to flush his waiter uniform down the toilet when police stormed the premises.

Those arrested could not produce documentation that proved they were in the country legally and had the right to work here.

An immigration officer said: "They use photocopies of their passports, saying the



Evidence: The uniform in the bathroom and, inset, a worker in handcuffs

original is with the Home Office, but if you look closely you can see that the numbers and dates have been changed. "If I was an employer and not trained in spotting fake documentation I might be fooled by some of these things - it is simple

but clever.

"We use a rapid ID scanner that quickly shows us exactly when someone came into the UK, the kind of visa they have and whether they have the right to still be here or be working."

Seven people were in the

restaurant at the time of the raid and as well as the arrests police took fingerprints from another man.

Sergeant Eddie Armstrong, from Kingston police, said: "We don't like to see this sort of thing and we are working in partnership with immigration and other enforcement agencies to ensure that licensing breaches in the borough are acted upon swiftly."

The three arrested men were originally from Bangladesh and have been transferred to an immigration detention centre pending removal from the UK.

Sarah Burton, head of the west London Home Office immigration enforcement team, said: "We are determined to tackle all forms of illegal working across London and this operation shows that we will not ease up in combating immigration offending."

"Illegal working is not a victimless crime. It cheats the taxpayer, undercuts honest employers and exploits some of society's most vulnerable people. It also starves legitimate job hunters of employment opportunities."

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Liberal Democrats have been accused of ruining a public consultation into the redevelopment of the town centre by launching "spurious" petitions.

The latest Lib Dem campaign aims to save Kingston's iconic tumbling phone boxes, after planning consultants suggested in a design report they be removed.

The removal or relocation of David Mach's Out of Order installation was mooted by planning consultants GVA and Morrison Urban Practitioners last October, in the Eden Quarter redevelopment brief.

Their 100-page report set out a vision for the town centre that included widespread pedestrianisation and a public square, plus hundreds of new homes.

On page 54 it also suggested moving the phone boxes because they disrupt sight lines along Old

London Road.

Residents got the chance to comment on the wide-ranging redevelopment document in November and December last year.

Grove Councillor Chrissie Hitchcock said: "I was flabbergasted when I saw the Tories are planning to get rid of the tumbling telephone boxes from the end of Old London Road."

But Kingston Council leader Kevin Davis called the petition "spurious" and a ploy to collect email addresses for MP Edward Davey's re-election campaign.

He said: "It's a planning brief, not a proposal."

"There is a genuine debate to be had about whether we could move them."

"The real problem for me is they put these petitions out and because of that they miss the debate about the rest of the town centre."

"The consequence of that is we have had a very skewed response to the consultation."

Some consultation feedback included opposition to non-existent

plans for a multi-storey building on the Fairfield, he said.

He blamed Lib Dem's opposition to another element of the Eden Quarter document, which proposed paving over a part of Fairfield recreation ground to relocate the Monday market, for the confusion.

Mr Davey said: "If instead of making petty political points they had asked the public what they thought in the first place perhaps these worrying plans to pave over part of the Fairfield and move Kingston's tumbling phone boxes would never have come to fruition."

Opposition leader Councillor Liz Green said: "I find it fascinating that they think we shouldn't put things out to people, when they have just spent £100,000 on a survey."

Kingston Council's All in One survey, sent to every household in the borough, cost £95,000 and garnered a 15 per cent return rate.

□ You can view the petition at kingstonlibdems.org.

Osbourne inquiry has stalled

The independent inquiry into former Kingston Council leader Derek Osbourne is yet to begin – despite being announced seven months ago.

The investigation was announced in June by current council leader Councillor Kevin Davis, following the Conservatives' victory at the local elections in May.

Coun Davis said at the time he had hoped to have a draft report of findings ready by last autumn.

But last week, he said the inquiry had been stalled due to commitments faced by the chosen Queen's Counsel (QC).

He said he was hopeful the inquiry, budgeted at £10,000, would begin later this month.

But Liberal Democrat opposition leader Councillor Liz Green said: "It will take several months and it seems to be dragging on. It was agreed that it would be an independent chair, but the last I heard was that they [the Conservatives] wanted somebody with legal knowledge to chair it – but they do not cost £10,000."

"They cost about £1,000 an hour. My understanding is that they cannot get one within the budget they have set themselves."

Kingston Labour leader Councillor Linsey Cottingham said: "I think there are very few QCs that will get much work done for £10,000."

"The council has to figure out whether it wants to stay within budget or find some way of dealing with things – it obviously has not worked out yet."

Coun Green said she never believed an inquiry was needed because the police investigation had not found a link



Jail: Derek Osbourne

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between Osbourne's crimes and his public work.

But both Coun Davis and his predecessor, the late Howard Jones, have stated the inquiry should examine aspects of Osbourne's tenure not covered by the police investigation.

That could include decision-making regarding funding, in particular youth groups, as well as his behaviour toward young people he came into contact with through his various public duties.

Osbourne was released from prison on licence on October 28 last year after spending nearly a year in jail, including time inside both Wandsworth and Brixton prisons.

He was jailed in 2013 after pleading guilty to 17 counts of making and distributing indecent images. These included extreme images of children, animals and violence against women, which he posted under the online pseudonym Dave Strider.

At the time of his arrest, he was the public face of the council's children's services improvement plan, following the damning 2012 Ofsted inspection. He was also a vocal supporter of the Rose Theatre, and its youth theatre group.

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‘Sorry’ shop worker jailed for kissing girl

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A former convenience shop worker has been jailed after trying to kiss an 11-year-old girl.

Mauritian national Ajay Sahye, 42, had been working at the Londis store in Ewell Road, Surbiton, where the offences occurred on November 23 last year.

He appeared at Kingston Crown Court for sentencing sporting a shaved head and a grey tracksuit, having pleaded guilty to two counts of assault by touching at an earlier hearing.

Prosecutor Stephen Apted said the victim, a regular customer, had gone into the store to buy a drink, but had then asked to use the toilet.

Mr Apted said: “When she came out of the toilet, he [Sahye] grabbed her around the waist with both arms and began to kiss her right cheek, her mouth – and put his tongue into her mouth for about a second.

“He asked her if she was a virgin and if she had lost her virginity. She did not know what he was talking about.”

Mr Apted said Sahye asked the girl several times if she had sex, before she ran out of the shop.

The court heard the victim and the defendant had known each other and were said to have cuddled or kissed on the cheek in the past.

Police attended the store on the same night.

Sahye told officers he had known the girl for some months as she had come into the shop regularly, and admitted he had kissed her – but denied he had used his tongue.



The Londis in Ewell Road

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He added he was “deeply sorry” that the girl was 11 years old, as she had claimed to be 16.

Defence counsel Tim Naik said: “He [Sahye] is a man of 42 of previous good character. He pleaded guilty at the first available opportunity. He has never claimed benefits. He has worked.

“He is an educated man – he has done computer studies, business studies and English while he was here. He is not in any financial difficulty. He does not drink, smoke or take any drugs. He is clean living.”

Mr Naik added he believed Sahye was “naive”.

The court also heard Sahye had overstayed his visa because he had not been able to get hold of his passport since being mugged in 2011. Prior to this he had gained permission to live in the UK since his arrival in 2004.

Sahye, of Ewell Road, was sentenced to 17 weeks in prison for both counts of assault, to run concurrently.

He has already served seven weeks.

He was also given a sexual prevention order for five years and put on the sex offenders register for seven years.

Kingston Council temporarily suspended Londis’ premises licence following the assault. But the suspension was lifted two days later following an appeal by licence holder Akvinder Mahal in December.

Mr Mahal said: “We have been in our family business since 1983 and we have never faced these issues before.

“We were unfortunate that an offence was conducted on our premises, and relevant investigations were rightly required.

“It has been proven that no criminal or licensing offence was committed by us.

“We are glad justice has been served. We had no knowledge of such behaviour.

“I thank my neighbourhood for their support.”

Hub for help close to getting off ground

Plans for a community hub in Norbiton, where residents can go to get help with IT, advice on finance or even a baking lesson, are coming together after three years of effort.

The One Norbiton hub would see refurbishment of the ground floor of the Madingley tower block, in the Cambridge Road estate, to help charities and public services connect with users.

Jill Preston, pictured right, from the Cambridge Road estates community group, said: “People who haven’t got computers will be able to come in and have people help them.

“What’s holding us up at the moment is putting in actual plans. The next bit will be to get an architect to make sure we can do the changes we want to.

“Until we get the plans and the drawings, we won’t know how much it will cost.

“What we’re hoping, if there’s a few thousand extra needed, is that people will put on community events. Three years we’ve been plodding away at this – what

we’ve got to do next is get official written permission.”

A Kingston Council spokesman confirmed the authority was in talks with One Norbiton over the hub and that “plans are progressing”.

One Norbiton estimated the budget for the Madingley hub to be £15,000, with £5,000 each coming from Kingston Council and a Department for Communities and Local Government grant.

A long-term lease from the council is unlikely, the group believes, because its own funding cannot be guaranteed beyond the next three years.

However, a peppercorn rent arrangement for that time has already been mooted.



Community space: Inside the Madingley tower block, left

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More stalls and community events while keeping the essence of borough's street party

No big names for next carnival

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The borough's biggest street festival will return this year – but will no longer feature a headline music act, organisers have announced.

The 2014 Kingston Carnival was cancelled a month before it was due to take place, with Kingston Council and police citing security issues as the reason behind the cancellation.

They claimed thousands of revellers could have turned up to see former Specials singer Neville Staple perform in Market Place.

Now, carnival organisers the Kingston Race and Equalities Council (KREC) has announced there will be no big name act taking to the stage this year, to appease worried council bosses.

KREC chief executive John Azah said: "There will not be a headline act this year. I am not totally convinced that we need to tone it down."

"I am not convinced that we should go backwards. But this year will shape the future. If we get it right this year, they will leave us alone."

Previously, ska band the Skints and DJ David Rodigan have headlined the carnival, before it was cancelled in its 15th year.

Staple did, however, play a rescheduled gig to 300 people at McClusky's nightclub, during the Long Live Kingston Carnival event, organised by Banquet Records.

Mr Azah said: "For me, David Rodigan as a headline act was what I had worked towards for the past 14 years."

"The fact that people thought we lost the essence of carnival is a huge pity."

He added that plans for

this year's carnival, if it is given the go-ahead, would involve more stalls and community events.

Banquet Records manager Jon Tolley, who has helped secure headline acts in the past, said: "If John says this will secure protection of the carnival for future years, then he's probably right. However, it's again not what the masses want."

"We still haven't had a proper reason why it was pulled last time."

"And I worry that the 'safest borough' stat gets in the way of such decisions."

More than 700 people signed a petition calling on Kingston Carnival to be reinstated before its future was debated at a full council meeting towards the end of last year.

The council agreed to keep the event in principle, but said plans would need to be submitted seven months in advance, by the end of February.

Mr Azah said in November that it would be "impossible" to book a headline act seven months in advance.

But he said last week that an events plan was on course to be handed in on time.



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Big name: Former Special Neville Staple; Past headliner David Rodigan, left Pictures: Abi Dainton/samhainesphotography.tumblr.com

DIABETES SUPPORT: People living with diabetes have been invited to a public forum, that will provide tips and support information. Kingston Clinical Commissioning Group will have speakers discussing diabetes at the Richard Mayo Centre, in Eden Street, Kingston, on Tuesday, January 27, from 7pm to 9pm.

HOMES BOND: Community housing company Paragon has issued a £250m bond it hopes will allow it to create new homes in south-west London and Surrey. The bond, refinancing some of the company's debt, is part of a plan to create 1,000 new homes by 2019, including sites in Kingston, Richmond and Elmbridge.

IT HELP: A fortnightly computer training course for beginners will launch in Tolworth this month. All are welcome to Tolworth library's IT buddy sessions, that will offer an introduction to computers and the internet. The sessions will take place every fortnight from Tuesday, January 27. Sessions last from 10am to noon and cost £3. For more information, call 020 85475006 or email tolworth.library@kingston.gov.uk.

LITTER PICK: Surbiton Wildlife, a new community action group, is organising a litter pick in Claremont Gardens on Thursday, January 29, between 10am and 3pm. The group also recently installed three nesting boxes in the gardens.

TATTOO PARLOUR: A former Kingston sandwich shop has been given the thumbs up to become a tattoo parlour. Councillors have given approval to Heritage Sandwich Bar at 31 Richmond Road to become a tattoo parlour.



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"I was really struggling," explains Colin, currently an honorary tutor at Guys Medical School. "Following the accident, my movement became painful and awkward and I had to drag my left foot sideways. The problem was accentuated during my travels when I was on my feet a lot of the time."

At first, Colin sought help from the usual channels, visiting casualty, a physiotherapist and even an orthoptist who prescribed rigid (and uncomfortable) half-sole inserts.

Unfortunately, nothing worked. Then Colin decided to visit Foot Solutions in Richmond.

"I'd been aware of the Foot Solutions free foot assessment offer for some time," adds Colin "then one Sunday morning I called in to the store. I'm so glad I did because that visit changed my life for the better."

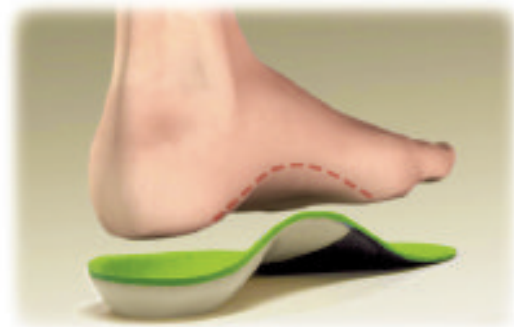
Colin was seen by a Foot Solutions consultant who, after taking a full case history, performed a series of tests and scans which identified in addition to the injury, a fallen arch which was exacerbating the problem.

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Mini-Holland designs 'not set in concrete'

If my eight-year-old drew any old rubbish just to get his homework in, I'd be upset. But this is a £32m budget we're talking about.

HUGEHUGH

Council recycling to switch to fortnightly collections

It's going to look even more unsightly with another wheelee bin. I always recycle, but I can see that it will get to the point where people will recycle less as it will become more hassle.

BOTTY3

Arrests in restaurant raid

People who fall foul of red tape and just want to make a living. Meanwhile the hate preachers and terrorist suspects can stay...

MARIE333



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Society must aim to better represent us

When I, a member, told a qualified surveyor I know in Tolworth about the Kingston Society and that it commented on planing applications, she thought it self-appointed and unnecessary as the council had members and officers to do the job.

Any doubts I shared are compounded by the society's latest newsletter.

I live on the bypass well within half a mile of two big prospective developments.

Tolworth Girls' School and its development partner Gleeson want to rebuild the school with housing to pay for it and more.

The society supports the rebuilding as more school places are much needed, but is concerned at the housing density and sole proposed access from Fullers Way

North, already busy. Fair comment.

But to blithely suggest extra access at the proposed housing end on to Selbourne Avenue, which would mean demolishing one or more houses and ruining a pleasant side street, basically in the name of money, is outrageous from people sitting safely in Surbiton and beyond.

Tesco (called Spennil for non-retail developments, but taking the profits) has made a preliminary application about environmental impact of what they propose southwards from Tolworth roundabout.

The society, reasonably, doubts whether noise, traffic and strain on services and infrastructure can be mitigated.

But they negate this by saying

that the inclusion of a tower to "complement, but not challenge" Tolworth Tower was reasonable, which encourages building big, with consequences.

This shows a knee-jerk tendency to express architectural propriety – from a safe distance.

Only the (small) committee, at most, consider applications for the whole society and are not especially representative.

At its AGM on January 21 a new chairman and partly new committee will be elected, but unopposed.

I hope they will think to ask ordinary members living within Kingston Council's consultation area for any big project for their comments, to improve the validity of the society's verdicts.

MICHAEL HOPE
 Tolworth

Blue badge

I attended Kingston Hospital on December 15 and again on December 16.

On each occasion I parked my car with my blue badge displayed, as I had done in October without problem. At no time did I see any notice to say the parking conditions had changed. I subsequently received two parking fine notices for £100 each (£50 discount if paid within 14 days).

The photographic "evidence" provided did not show my car parked legally or illegally, but being driven on the hospital road while entering and leaving. I question the legality of this "evidence".

I have appealed against the fines on the grounds of lack of signs, questionable legality of photographic evidence and also the exorbitant amount of the fines.

Citizens' Advice Bureau advice is that fines should be commensurate with the loss to the landowner (ie, the hospital).

Without a blue badge I would have paid £6.30 for my first visit and £3.30 for the second. So £100 or even £50 is grossly exorbitant and really outrageous.

MICHAEL BROCKING
 Chessington

Borough view



Richard Mason snapped this picture at the Bantall Centre. To see your photo featured in Borough View, email it with details of where you took it to jon.sharman@london.newsquest.co.uk.

Boris forgets pledge on off-peak fares

When Mayor Boris Johnson was first elected in 2008 he made a big claim that he would seek to represent all of London and not just people living in zone 1.

Seven years on it seems he has forgotten this pledge.

Adults travelling to or from zones 4, 5 and 6 are now seeing substantial increases in their fares if they travel after 9.30am, or at weekends.

For example someone starting their journey after 9.30am and travelling from zone 6 into central London faced last year a daily cap of £8.50 when using

Oyster pay-as-you-go.

At the start of this year the new daily cap has soared to £11.70.

Children from outer London are also being hit hard.

For example the child rate one-day off-peak travelcard has been increased from £3.60 to £6.

Such sudden and severe changes in fares cannot be justified. Moreover, by removing an incentive to travel at off-peak hours they might even lead to more crowded trains at peak times.

The changes are also unnecessary.

Transport for London's budget could easily make a wide range of savings; for example why did Boris Johnson fail to obtain a sponsor for this year's New Year's Eve free travel, when sponsorship has been found in most other years?

It is time the Mayor remembered his pledge to people in outer London and stopped penalising people for travelling at off-peak hours.

CAROLINE PIDGEON
 Leader of the
 Liberal Democrat London
 Assembly group

Adequate lighting would make us feel safer at night

I have just come back from a walk in Kingston and was appalled by the non-existent lighting in Canbury Gardens.

I note there was an alleged rape nearby in September last year. It

is now January and nothing has been done to improve the situation. We pay some of the most expensive council tax rates in the country and yet the council does nothing to ensure that we are not

vulnerable walking its streets at night. It is about time something was done to prevent rapes and sexual assaults in dimly lit areas.

CHARLOTTE KENNY
 Via email

Changes will create jobs

Did IQs drop suddenly over the last few weeks?

Kingston Council has to save millions of pounds or cut services. They have come up with a proposal that, by changing the way we have our rubbish collected, will save £4.2m over seven years.

They claim that is enough to pay the salaries of 17 social workers or teachers each year for those seven years.

Surely we can deal with an extra bin, and collections on alternate weeks, not only to save those vital jobs or jobs like them, but also raise our recycling rates and save something even more vital – the planet.

I for one will happily accept an extra bin.

I believe you would be selfish and ignorant not to.

JENNY TALBOT
 Kingston

TWEETS of the WEEK



@dgwbirch:

Ah, the mundane reality of life in 21C Britain. Colleague's train abandoned at Surbiton, now there are signalling problems at Waterloo.

@Joshualiles:

Haven't sat down in six hours, and walking home from Kingston with a limp from moshing, nice way to end Sunday.

@SHSScienceDept:

Surbiton Sixth Form had a great trip to CERN yesterday! We were so lucky to go down in the CMS experimental chamber!

@TheDanHough:

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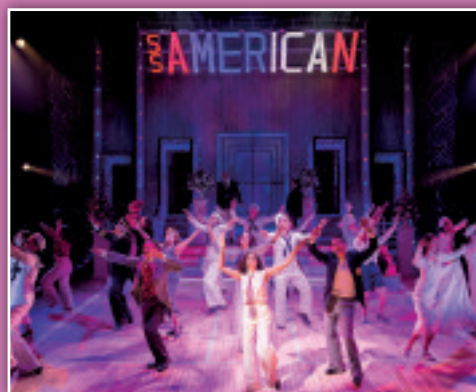
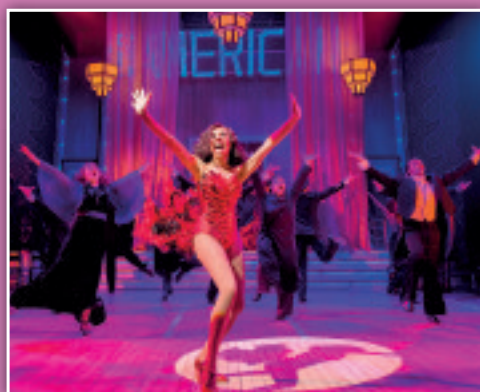
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Domestication - Feline is Very Different to Canine

Unlike the dog, only 12,000 years ago there were no domestic cats and only around 30 species of wildcats. Even now, "domestic" cats could live fully independent lives if absolutely necessary. For our cats, this means they are just not domesticated on the same scale as the dog, who would not cope well without its owner's full-time guidance and support.

However, cats are well on their way to increased levels of domestication. Around 8000 years ago, there was a distinct genetic split between the DNA of wildcats and that of domestic cats. We now know that today's domestic cat is capable of social behaviour - not only towards other cats but also towards humans. However, our pet cats are only able to display this sociability once their basic needs have been met (e.g. once they know they have access to water, food and safe places to shelter, hide and toilet).

So today's pet cats are still solitary and territorial at heart but once they know their resources are guaranteed they can express their social traits. Ultimately, what this means is a cat needs a sense of security before it can express its emotions. On the contrary, a pet dog in an unfamiliar situation would look for human contact first, to ask for help to meet its needs - thus showing a level of domestication we do not yet see in our feline companions.

Specific Nutritional Requirements

Not only are cats at a unique stage in the domestication process, nutritionally, cats have truly individual needs as well. Cats are highly specialised carnivores. Unlike the dog, cats could not survive on a vegetarian diet and they have requirements for specific amino acids (found in proteins) that are much narrower than a dog's requirements.

Until nutritionally complete feline diets came onto the pet food market, cats were not fully catered for by humans and still had to hunt in order to fulfil their demanding nutritional needs. This is one of the reasons why many domestic cats still have their natural drive to hunt today - not all that long ago it was still a necessary survival technique for them.

Your Cat's Amazing Physicality

Cats also have many anatomical adaptations that allow them unique flexibility and a physicality just not seen in most other mammals. One of these interesting adaptations includes a lack of the collar bone, meaning the cat's forelegs have no bony attachment to their skeleton. This is partly why the cat is so flexible (and good at balancing on narrow fence panels without falling off)! Another example of feline anatomical adaptation includes their retractable claws which are kept sharp by being sheathed unless the cat extends them in order to hunt or fight.

In Summary

Our cats are still making their own journey from their distant ancestral past, of a life of solitude and hunting, to the social lifestyle we, as owners, expect them to live today. No two cats are at the same stage along this journey at this moment in time, so for now, we need to offer support by allowing each cat to lead the life that best suits their individual personality. If any of this has inspired you to improve your own knowledge about cats and commit to doing the best for your cat, then why not take a look at www.catwyse.co.uk? It's full of free, interactive and inspiring advice from the feline experts - because here, at ROYAL CANIN®, we believe every cat deserves a "catwyse" owner.



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Q Surely all pet foods cannot differ too much - why can't I feed my dog and cat the same diet?

A We would never recommend feeding your cat a diet designed for dogs, or vice versa. Cats have much more specific nutritional requirements than dogs and they are strict carnivores. If you feed a cat dog food you risk causing serious nutritional deficiencies. If you feed a dog cat food in the majority of cases the food will contain more protein (and often also more fat) than the dog actually requires. We would always recommend sticking to a specific diet designed for each pet's species and age.

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JOSEPH DRAKE

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A Killer Queen and the Elephant Man are among the cast members set to take to the stage in a new adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Rose Theatre next month.

Sharon D Clarke, who was the first Killer Queen for the musical *We Will Rock You*, and Mama Morton in Chicago, will play Nurse, and leads the cast in the production of Shakespeare's classic love story.

Clarke will be joined by Audrey Brisson and Joseph Drake, who will take on the roles of the star-crossed lovers.

Brisson has previously been a part of the ensemble for the Cirque Du Soleil's *Quidam*, while Drake has recently taken on the role of Joseph "Elephant Man" Merrick on BBC's *Ripper Street*. The play will reunite director Sally Cookson, production designer Katie Sykes and composer Benji Bower, the team who masterminded the successful adaptation of Jacqueline Wilson's *Hetty Feather*, which debuted at the Rose before a brief stint in the West End.

Rose Theatre chief executive Robert O'Dowd says: "I am thrilled to welcome Sally Cookson back to the Rose."

"She is a glorious collaborator – a joy to have in the building, and an extraordinary director with an incredible visual flair."

"I cannot wait to see what she will bring to *Romeo and Juliet*."

Romeo and Juliet's tragic love story, about the passion between two children of rival families who risk everything to be together, is not an unfamiliar plot.

Celebrated for her masterful storytelling and creative adaptations of all-time-classics, Cookson will provide the audience with an unconventional and interesting take on *Romeo and Juliet*, by including a female Mercutio in the cast, who will be played by Laura Elphinstone.

Elphinstone will be joined by Matt Costain who plays Paris, and has previously worked with Cookson on *Hetty Feather*, and Chris Bianchi, who will play both Friar Lawrence and Montague.

OFF THE LEASH

Tickets are still up for grabs to see comedian Andy Parsons live in Kingston this month.

Bringing his new show *Live and Unleashed – But Naturally Curious*, the *Mock The Week* and *Live at the Apollo* star will be bringing sharp comedy to the *Fighting Cocks*.

The show is part of the *Outside the Box* comedy club line-up that has brought the likes of Jack Dee, Jo Brand and Jimmy Carr to the borough.

● **Andy Parsons; *Live and Unleashed – But Naturally Curious; Fighting Cocks*, 56 Old London Road, Kingston; January 29, 7.30pm**

doors open for 8pm start; for more information, call 07973 783339, or visit wegottickets.com/event/295964.

ANDY PARSONS

CASUAL

OPERA: If you think getting dressed up in black tie for a night at the opera is a bit much, this might be more to your taste. Now opera fans can enjoy the show in jeans and trainers thanks to the Odeon. The Royal Opera's performance of *Andrea Chenier* will be screened live at the Kingston cinema at the end of the month. It presents a fictionalised account of the French poet's final years, before he was guillotined during the Reign of Terror in 1794. Jonas Kaufmann takes the starring role in Umberto Giordano's classic.

● **Andrea Chenier; Odeon, Rotunda, Kingston; January**

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29, 7.15pm; up to £15.50; to book, visit odeon.co.uk.

JOIN THE CHOIR: Enthusiastic amateur singers will now have the opportunity to join a local Kingston rock choir, with weekly rehearsals taking place at the All Saints Church in Kingston. Since 2005 when the choir was started by musician Caroline Redman Lusher, members have

recorded a top 20 album and sung at the O2 arena. Rock Choir is the largest amateur contemporary choir in the UK with more than 16,000 members.

● **Rock Choir rehearsals; All Saints Church, Kingston Market Place, Kingston; first session free and then £25 a month; rockchoir.com.**

ARTIST EXHIBITION: An exhibition of paintings by the late Chinwe Chukwogo-Roy is being held at the Rose Theatre. Perhaps most famous for her official golden jubilee portrait of the Queen, the show will feature a range of oil on canvas and etchings. Some of the paintings will be on sale.

● **Chinwe Chukwogo-Roy – An Exhibition; Rose Theatre, High Street, Kingston; until February 14; free; visit rosetheatrekingston.org.**

ON THE CATWALK: Six fashion retailers, including John Lewis and Oasis, will take part in the Rose Theatre's fashion show on January 29. The event will showcase the collections through two catwalks, with models wearing work, leisure and evening wear. All tickets come with a free glass of champagne and a surprise goody bag.

● **Rose Fashion Show; Rose Theatre; January 29; £20 to £50; visit rosetheatrekingston.org or call 020 8174 0090.**

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PIPING HOT



Ne'er ones to shy away from a good party, and hot on the heels of Hogmanay, Burns Night offers the most Scottish of celebrations, with whisky, haggis, lads and lasses. Burns suppers, once found mainly north of Hadrian's Wall, in Northern Ireland and among expat communities, are now much more widespread. Perhaps the greatest sign of the times is the announcement Lidl will sell kilts for £30 in the run-up to the day.

They celebrate the life and poetry of Robert Burns, Scotland's best-known poet and a great romantic – in 2009 he was voted the

greatest Scot in a public poll run by Scottish television channel STV.

Now fairly fresh from memories of singing Auld Lang Syne (one of Robbie's many poems and songs), January 25 is the perfect time to raise a dram for the man and tuck in to some glorious haggis.

A Burns Night starts with guests piped in to gather and mix before the host's welcome speech and the Selkirk Grace, a traditional thanksgiving often wrongly attributed to Burns.

A night of grand ceremony continues with the piping of the haggis – everyone stands as the haggis, on a large platter, is brought into the room as a piper plays the bagpipe. The host, or invited guest, recites the Address to a Haggis, before drawing,

sharpening and plunging a knife into the haggis.

Before tucking in, a whisky toast is proposed to the haggis and guests tuck in to a traditional Scottish meal, usually concluded cranachan or Topsy Laird, a whisky trifle. Numerous speeches take

place after dinner, including the Immortal Memory remembering an aspect of Burns' life, the Toast to the Lassies – a humorous reflection on women – followed by the Reply to the Laddies – a timely retort to the previous speaker.

Burns songs may be sung into the night, with proceedings closed with a standing rendition of Auld Lang Syne – hopefully everyone heads home with a belly full of grub and a warm glow from the whisky, the water of life.

Perhaps the finest bastion of Scottishness in these parts is London Scottish RFC, and this year's celebrations include half-a-bottle of wine and traditional three-course meal. Sandy Clark will toast the haggis and James Fairburn, twice president of the Burns Club of London, delivers the Immortal Memory.

● Tickets cost £55 a person. Email lauren.macleod@londonscottish.com or call 020 3397 9551.

SCOT-TISH SURPRISE: Kingston Synagogue will be celebrating the Bard of Ayshire's birthday with a traditional Scottish-themed evening. Bagpipes, haggis, neeps and tatties and recitals of Burns' works will all be on offer. ● Burns Night; Kingston Synagogue, 33-35 Uxbridge Road, Kingston KT1 2LL; January 24, 7pm; £15; email admin@kingston-synagogue.org.uk.



BURNS NIGHT

The Rose Theatre is celebrating its seventh birthday at the beginning of February for a special Time To Talk event with former EastEnders actors.

Six stars of the BBC's longest running soap will gather in the theatre to answer questions about their lives and their time working on the iconic TV programme.

The famous faces will include classic characters Natalie Cassidy, who plays Sonia Fowler, John Altman who plays Nick Cotton, Matt Di Angelo who plays Dean Wicks and Derek Martin who played Charlie Slater.

Writer, comedian and journalist Viv Groskop will host the event and talk to the stars of the BBC soap about their careers and the soap's 30-year reign as one of the most popular shows on television.

The event will also include an audience Q&A where questions about how the actors tackle working on the soap will be answered.

● Time to Talk; Rose Theatre, High Street, Kingston; Sunday, February 8; £10 to £20; rosetheatrekington.org.

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LOFTY IDEAS

Julia Gray offers five great tips to help you insulate your loft

- 1) Insulating an uninsulated loft could save you around £250 a year for a detached house, £150 for a semi and £140 for a mid-terraced house, according to the Energy Saving Trust (energysavingtrust.org.uk). Before you start, check for things like damp and rot in the loft. If you spot anything that concerns you, call in an expert, unless you're confident you can deal with it yourself.
- 2) Mineral wool insulation is often used in lofts, but it can irritate the skin, throat and eyes (unless encased in foil), so wear gloves, goggles, a dust mask and overalls when fitting it. You may prefer eco alternatives, such as insulation made from sheep's wool or recycled newspapers or plastic bottles – try B&Q.
- 3) Before buying insulation, measure the floor joists in the loft and try to get insulation the same width or bigger – cut it with a saw when it's rolled up to
- 4) The recommended depth for mineral wool insulation is usually 27cm, but this may vary for other types of insulation, so check the packaging or direct with the manufacturer. You don't
- 5) If you want to use the loft for storage, you'll need to board it, but don't put boards directly on top of the insulation because they will compress it and make it less effective. Instead, use loft legs, which raise the boards above the insulation so it's not compressed, or rigid insulation, which can't be compressed.

Other heat-saving ideas

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Insulate pipes By insulating hot pipes, you prevent heat loss. Use pre-scored foam tubes.

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with a radiator key or small screwdriver (when the heating is off and the radiators are cold), depending on the type of valve. **Stay in control.** Smart systems, which enable you to control your heating from your smartphone or tablet via an app, are all the rage. One of the newest is therM, which is compatible with any heating system with a thermostat.

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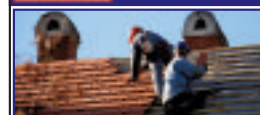
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TAKE ME HIGHER Happy and outgoing Mitcham female, 55, 5'6", enjoys nights out dancing, socialising and reading, now searching for a sincere, enthusiastic man, to share love and settle down with. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 145863**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Honest, caring, 59 year old Surbiton lady, 5'7", medium build, enjoys travel, cinema, days out and more, would like to meet a sincere, romantic and trustworthy man, for lasting love, for company and quality time together. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 153741 or send a text to 80360**

A NEW DIRECTION Caring and sensitive Dixfield female, 57, 5'2", likes cinema, books, travel, history and country walks, looking for a charming and handsome man, for friendship, fun and loving times. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 165557**

I'M COUNTING ON YOU Sweet, genuine, bright and humorous Epsom woman, 58, enjoys the arts, theatre, cinema, Radio 4 and a good chat over a glass of wine, now looking for a similar, smart chap, to love. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 172331**

SIMILAR INTERESTS? Kind, caring, loyal and faithful, 59 year old Surbiton female, 5'4", fair hair, non-smoker, good sense of humour, like holidays, sightseeing, day trips and theatre. Seeks a kind, caring, male. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 181082**

LIFE STARTS NOW Genuine, lovable and creative Bexleyheath girl, 59, looking to find a reflective, imaginative and considerate bloke, for a special and lasting relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 107320 or send a text to 80360**

DREAM COME TRUE Friendly, mixed-race Bexleyheath single mum, 59, enjoys cooking, music, walks in the park and much more, now searching for a genuine, affectionate white male, for great times and lasting love. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 109999**

THE COMMITTED KIND Kind-hearted, slim, reliable and reliable Twickenham woman, 60, 5'4", enjoy art, music, theatre, ballet, opera and places of interest. Seeks a considerate, genuine man, for good times and great company. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 174386 or send a text to 80360**

HOPING FOR THE BEST Fun, honest and faithful Harrow female, 62, likes all the usual things in life, now looking for a straight-forward Asian man, to share friendship and a brighter future together. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 155644 or send a text to 80360**

LIFE'S SIMPLE PLEASURES Pretty, slim, Newcastle-under-Lyme, 62, 5'8", Auburn hair, youthful, loves classical music, theatre, France and much more, looking for a tall, non-smoking gent, for lasting love. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 468587**

LOTS OF LAUGHTER Informed, outgoing and methodical Tadworth female, 63, 5'8", grey hair, non-smoker, would like to meet a lively, thoughtful male, for a special and lasting relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 183065 or send a text to 80360**

STRAIGHT TALKING Active, outgoing Epsom woman, 64, 5'2", blonde, blue eyes, likes dancing, gardening, socialising and enjoys social dancing, mainly ballroom and Latin, meals out and cosy nights in. Seeking a kind man for company. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 122940**

COME DANCE WITH ME Active, blonde Surrey girl, 64, blonde, non smoker, loves stepping out, would like to meet a fun, honest, caring and to dance into the sunset with me. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 140757 or send a text to 80360**

SIDE BY SIDE Down-to-earth, generous and outgoing Jamaican London girl, 63, medium build, enjoys dancing, cinema, days out and quiet times, just looking to meet a charming man, for friendship and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 177687**

THAT'S AMORE Kind, genuine Richmond lady, 65, likes days out to the coast, dining out, gardening, the cinema and general socialising, looking for a similar non-smoking man, for company and love. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 158495 or send a text to 80360**

DESERVING OF LOVE Retired and romantic South London woman, 65, 5'6", looking for a nice, non-smoking gent, medium build, who enjoys days out, dining, laughter and socialising. Are you the one for me? **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 143424**

QUALITY COUNTS Slim, modern Carlsham female, 65, 5'2", GSOH, likes music, inc some classic, countryside and more, would like to meet a sincere, non-smoking man, for company and quality time together. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 182967 or send a text to 80360**

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES Attractive, warm and friendly Bromley woman, 65, enjoys cooking, conversation and nights out, seeking a man, who is funny, kind and affectionate, for friendship and loving times. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 114650**

ARE YOU MY MATCH? Friendly, outgoing South London woman, 65, GSOH, sincere, affectionate and solvent, enjoys theatre, cinema and eating out, would like to meet a caring male, for friendship first. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 115420**

THE GOOD THINGS Friendly, thoughtful and attractive Croydon woman, 66, widow, enjoys days out, socialising and the quiet life, now looking to find a loving gent, for friendship and great company. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 126256 or send a text to 80360**

CAN YOU COMPARE? Honest and caring Kingston Upon Thames lady, 66, enjoys trips to the cinema, theatre and places of interest, would like to meet a nice, genuine man, to share friendship and enjoy life. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 151366 or send a text to 80360**

LET THE SUN SHINE IN Fun, cuddly Kingston lady, 66, GSOH, likes cinema, meals out, places of interest and the coast, would like to meet a similar man, sociable, fun and honest, for company and more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 126146 or send a text to 80360**

YOU MIGHT BE LUCKY Outgoing, brown-eyed Surbiton lady, 67, long dark hair, likes cooking, eating out, dancing and holidays abroad, seeking a nice gent, for companionship and lots more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 461376**

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COMPANY AND MORE Out-going, kind, caring, 68 year old New Malden female, 5'7", fair hair, brown eyes, likes music, dancing, keep-fit and swimming. Would like to meet a sociable, genuine male for companionship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 170711**

FLY ME TO THE MOON Cuddly and thoughtful Kingston Upon Thames woman, 69, with many active interests, now looking for sincere gentleman, who is honest and kind, for friendship and maybe a lasting romance. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 453732**

DANCE WITH ME Kind, loving and sincere, 71 year old Thames Ditton female, 5'7", dress smartly, enjoys social dancing, mainly ballroom and Latin, meals out and cosy nights in. Seeking a kind man for company. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 184729 or send a text to 80360**

EMBRACE LIFE Artistic, 78 year old Twickenham female, red hair, hazel eyes, retired, love country, theatre and gardening. Would like to meet a sensitive and educated gentleman, 75-78 to embrace life more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 178463**

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RESCUE ME Cheeky, considerate and kind-hearted, London male, 46, 5'9", slim-athletic build, non-smoker, seeking a cosmopolitan, methodical lady, to build a lasting, happy future with. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 183711 or send a text to 80360**

MAKE EACH MOMENT SPECIAL Attractive Isleworth male, 47, 6'2", athletic, non-smoker, own home, enjoys swimming, walks, pubs, restaurants and travel, seeks chatty, slim female, for a lasting relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 103086**

COME WITH ME Animal-loving Epsom male, 50, 6ft, enjoys country walks, music and classic cars, searching for a decent-looking, honest woman, for those magic moments. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 467084**

KEEP ME COMPANY Romantic, blue-eyed Godalming male, 51, 5'7", loving and cuddly, GSOH, enjoys walks, cooking, soaps, music, cinema and places of interest. Seeks a nice, affectionate lady, for lasting love. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 112757**

IN THE NAME OF LOVE Decent, attractive, solvent Purley male, 51, 5'11", medium build, likes all the normal things, simply searching for a straight-forward, attractive, curvy female, for love and good times. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 127258**

SHOW YOUR COLOURS Professional, solvent, athletic Surrey chap, 52, blond, divorced, no ties, enjoys a good sense of humour, varied interests, looking for a sincere female, for love, romance and plenty of happiness. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 104782**

JUST BE YOURSELF Easygoing, blond, blue-eyed Surrey male, 53, hard working, own car, good sense of humour, searching for an easygoing lady, any nationality, to share and build a loving relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 124255**

TIME TO MOVE ON Easygoing, blue-eyed Sutton male, 53, blond, GSOH, enjoys walks, drives, days out and more, now searching for an outgoing, fun and honest woman, to share something special with. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 167389**

THE BEST MEDICINE Handsome, unconventional Surrey guy, 53, 6ft, athletic, professional, searching for a nice and honest lady, for fun, friendship and lots more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 173479 or send a text to 80360**

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NOTHING COMPARES Down-to-earth, genuine Greek-Cypriot man, 57, 5'7", searching for a reliable woman, for fun times and great friendship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 110838**

BE MY LADY Very kind, easy-going, 58 year old London male, 5'8", Nottingham, medium build, 5'6", wears glasses, non-smoker, enjoys books, walking and pubs. Would like to meet a lady, 48-60, for romance. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 173751 or send a text to 80360**

SINCERE CHAP Chivalrous, sincere, 59 year old Horsham male, 6ft, slim, good sense of humour, enjoys countryside, seaside, places of interest, theatre and cinema. Seeks a feminine lady for company and more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 176805 or send a text to 80360**

MAKE LIFE BETTER Sincere, 59 year old male, 6ft, Virgin, own hair and teeth, keep fit, no ties, own home and car, would like to meet a lovely lady, for good company and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 184850 or send a text to 80360**

A FRESH START Sweet and sincere 5th London male, 59, 10'2", enjoys music, drives, the coast, countryside and weekends away, now searching for an honest, loyal woman, for close times and romance. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 453620 or send a text to 80360**

COULD IT BE MAGIC? Friendly, charming Surrey male, 59, 6'3", slim/medium, enjoys the quiet things in life, searching for a warm-hearted, cuddly female, to share laughter, romance and great company. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 164000**

FRIENDSHIP AND ROMANCE Easygoing, friendly 60 year old Epsom male, 5'10", non smoking, young looking, good sense of humour, enjoy country walks, music and socialising, seeks a tender female, for company, maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 173588 or send a text to 80360**

MUST HAVE HAPPINESS Widowed, professional Richmond male, 60, likes the theatre, cinema, pubs and restaurants, looking for an attractive, bubbly and caring female, for a long term relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 106284**

UNDER THE STARS Solvent, trustworthy and easygoing Epsom male, 61, 6ft, medium build, own home, enjoys dining theatre, music and travel, searching for a similar woman, for a lasting relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 143358**

IT COULD BE FOREVER Single chap, 61, 5'11", medium build, from Bexhill, likes the simple things in life, looking for an easygoing and loving female, for companionship and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 190968 or send a text to 80360**

SOLID AS A ROCK Charming Irish male, 62, living in Croydon, enjoys rugby, golf, tennis and more, searching for a nice, sociable lady, 40-60, to share the best things in life. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 111401 or send a text to 80360**

A GREAT COMPANION Reliable, loving, considerate and understanding, 65 year old male, divorced, no ties, romantic and affectionate, would like to meet a nice female for company and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 182740 or send a text to 80360**

PENCIL ME IN Slim, semi-retired Sutton gent, 65, charity worker, own home and car, solvent, likes reading, art, places of interest and writing, seeks a friendly, caring lady, for lasting love. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 152309**

BEST THINGS IN LIFE Divorced Catherham guy, 66, N/S, 5'11", easygoing and considerate, enjoys cooking, theatre, sport, dining and travel, seeking a bubbly, positive and caring lady, for laughs & enjoying life. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 112226**

SOMEONE TO HOLD ON TO Friendly, smart, romantic and solvent Surrey male, 66, 6ft, slim build, N/S, no ties, looking for a slim, feminine, modern lady, for friendship and to build a loving and happy romance. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 159931**

BY MOONLIGHT Happy, solvent Malden male, 67, divorced, own home and car, into music, sport, bowls and cooking, seeking a loving and honest lady, to share fun, friendship and a happy life with. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 119162 or send a text to 80360**

PICK-ME-UP Happy and solvent Surrey male, 67, own home and car, divorced, enjoys 60s music, bowling and cooking, seeking a vibrant, sincere lady, to share a happy life together. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 101747**

MAYBE LOVE? Honest, caring, 68 year old Essex male, slim, 5'7", good sense of humour, enjoy walking, countryside and visiting places of interest. Would like to meet a sincere lady, 58+, to share life. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 182881 or send a text to 80360**

COUNTRY MATTERS Down-to-earth, caring and kind Sutton gent, 69, widowed, enjoys socialising, weekends away and visiting the coast, would like to meet a warm and honest lady, for company and smiles. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 169477**

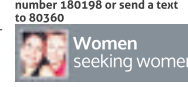
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THE START OF SOMETHING Healthy, fit, youthful and solvent Wallington male, in my 70s, own home, enjoys life to the full, likes holidays, dining and more, searching for a sincere, lady, for an honest and trusting relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 177400**

TEA FOR TWO Genuine, caring, easy-going, 76 year old Carlsham gent, slim build, 5'7", own car, enjoying going out for meals, days out, cosy nights in, television and music. Seeks a lady, 65-75, for company. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 179253 or send a text to 80360**

DREAMS COME TRUE Kind-hearted, down-to-earth Thornton Heath male, 53, would like to meet a nice, non-smoking lady, to share company, friendship and to enjoy outings with. Are you the one? **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 180198 or send a text to 80360**

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A BETTER WAY Straight female, 35, outgoing, would like to meet straight females in the Croydon area, 35-40, for company and socialising. Enjoys clubs, theatre, shopping and dining out. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 180431 or send a text to 80360**

THE NAME OF THE GAME Kind, sensitive, adventurous and creative Walton-on-Thames girl, 40, enjoys music, cinema, concerts, travel and more, looking for a loving and thoughtful woman, for true love. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 161122**

TREAT YOURSELF Slim, attractive and cute Carlsham lady, youthful 49, 5'2", dark hair, green eyes, enjoys music, clubs and days out, now searching for a fun, petite female, for loving times. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 460239 or send a text to 80360**

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COMPLETE THE CIRCLE Fit, fun and genuine Leatherhead male, 52, 6ft, divorced, polite and sincere, would like to meet a like-minded, intelligent and active, for fun, friendship and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 132398**

FAITH IN THE FUTURE Fit, sporty and friendly Croydon male, 59, 5'11", slim/medium build, enjoys sport, gardening and more, searching for a loving and kind man, to share company, friendship and romance. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 120129 or send a text to 80360**

FUN TIMES Down-to-earth, 62 year old Croydon male, 5'8", non-smoker, would like to meet a male, aged 50-80 for fun, friendship and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 171207 or send a text to 80360**

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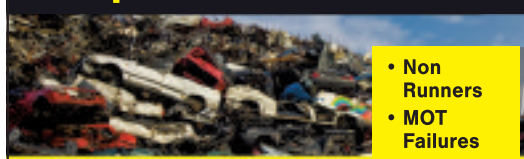
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Ks striker Jake Kempton has quit the club to join Conference South strugglers Staines Town, *writes Stuart Amos*.

The former Wolverhampton Wanderers youngster scored two goals in 10 appearances for Ks, including the only goal in a

1-0 win over Tonbridge Angels earlier this month.

Staines, who recently recruited ex-Brentford hero Nicky Forster as manager after sacking Dons legend Marcus Gayle, are bottom of the Conference South.

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Rising stock: Tom Onslow-Cole's efforts caught the eye in Dubai

Tom O-C enjoying life with GT jet set

New Malden's Tom Onslow-Cole says he has not looked back since quitting the British Touring Car Championship in 2013 – and it is not hard to see why, *writes Stuart Amos*.

Hours after his impressive performance to secure second place overall at the Dubai 24-Hour race last week, the 27-year-old jetted to the French Alps to teach motor racing's next generation of drivers at an FIA academy camp in Chamonix.

Onslow-Cole's exploits in the Middle East are expected to inspire Ram Racing to contest the entire 24-Hour Series this year.

While the former Brooklands College student's lap times in Dubai, one of the toughest GT endurance races on the circuit, has only seen his stock rise.

"My decision to leave Touring Cars has been the right one," said Onslow-Cole, who made his debut in the BTCC aged 19 years old.

"The professional career that has come with the change means I travel the world racing in some pretty cool events at some great circuits.

"Last year wasn't the greatest season for me in the British GT Championship, but the lap times I have been putting in have been noticed elsewhere in the sport, which can only be a good thing.

"The Dubai win is a great way to start the season and really give us something to build on and gives the team a really incentive to contest the whole series.

"If we can do that in one of the toughest races on the circuit it only bodes well for the rest of the year."

GOOD GROUNDING: Tolfrey backs bosses to do the right thing

Ks in safe hands

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Rob Tolfrey has backed Kingstonian bosses John Fenwick, Mark Anderson and Malcolm Winwright to steer the club through troubled waters.

AFC Wimbledon's attempts to off-load Kingsmeadow to fund a possible move back to Merton, have raised fears Ks could be forced out of their current home.

The three co-chairmen are considering potential venues to house the Ryman Premier League outfit in the event they are made homeless – with a recent statement confirming a future away from Jack Goodchild Way seeming inevitable.

Tolfrey, who saved three penalties on Tuesday night to send boss Tommy Williams' men through to the quarter-finals of the Robert Dyas Cup at the expense of Walton & Hersham last week, is Ks'

longest serving player.

Ks have a history of chairmen selling them short, but Tolfrey is confident the current trio can be trusted to work in the club's best interests.

"There are three good people in charge and hopefully they'll sort it," he said.

"The players don't really think about it because that is for people behind the scenes to sort out.

"All I know is Kingsmeadow is a great place to play and people like coming here and

I'm sure they will do everything they can to keep us here."

Tolfrey had to be at his best to ensure Ks were not the victim of a giant-killing at Stompond Lane.

Alex Addai gave Ks the lead in the first half, but Matt Reece beat

Tolfrey from the spot soon after, although it was the Kingsmeadow number one who

had the last laugh.

"I've always just had a pretty good record at saving penalties," he added.

"I cannot put my finger on why I am good at them. There is nothing to

it really – I just guess."

Goals from Josh Casey, Adam Doyle and Dylan Casey saw Ks triumph 3-0 at Bury Town on Saturday to make it back-to-back league wins since a 3-1 defeat at Grays Athletic.

Boss Tommy Williams and assistant Graham Harper maintain a good run can re-ignite play-off hopes.

And Tolfrey agrees there is still plenty to play for – not least in the league cup competition.

He said: "We'd like to win one a cup for the fans. Two or three wins in the league can still put us up there."



On target at last: Ks midfielder Josh Casey scored his first league goal of the season at Bury Town on Saturday



Champions: Surbiton captain Sarah Haycroft, centre, collected the Indoor Fives Hockey Championship Division One trophy on Sunday

Familiar feeling

Surbiton Ladies will play in the Indoor Fives Hockey Championship Premier Division for the first time in their history after claiming the Division One title on Sunday.

Captain Sarah Haycroft's team beat Brooklands Poynton (4-1), Olton & West Warwicks (9-1), Horsham (4-2) and Wakefield (9-1) to finish with a perfect eight-match winning record.

Surbiton, outdoor league and cup double winners last year, will be joined in the top flight by second-placed Leicester.

Meanwhile, Sugden Road women have drawn Spanish club, Club de Campo in the Eurohockey Clubs Champions Cup quarter-final in Bilthoven at Easter.

Team GB will be ready for Rio

If England women are to better their 2012 Olympic bronze medal in Brazil next year, then the 2014 Champions Trophy may just have laid the foundation for it, *writes Stuart Amos*.

England, featuring Surbiton's Hollie Webb, Georgie Twigg, Sarah Haycroft and Giselle Ansley, finished fifth overall after being knocked out in the quarter-finals by New Zealand.

Sugden Road captain Haycroft scored her maiden senior international goal in a 3-1 triumph over Japan that ultimately paved the way for a penalty shoot-out victory over China to claim fifth place – one place above England's world ranking at the time.

England head to Spain for the Olympic qualifying tournament in June knowing they must win their quarter final to book Team GB's place on the plane to Rio in 2016.

And Haycroft reckons England's experience in



Moment of magic: Surbiton's Sarah Haycroft, top left, celebrates her first senior international goal against Japan during the Champions Trophy in Argentina

south America will only stand them in good stead.

"It is not just a given that we will qualify for the Olympics," she said in her exclusive column for the Surrey Comet.

"We have to make sure that we win our quarter-final at the Olympic qualifying tournament – World League Three – in June in Spain.

"This puts a huge amount

of pressure on that one quarter-final, however, with us having just lost that same quarter-final in the Champions Trophy will go a long way in helping us prepare to go one better.

"The tournament was a huge learning experience for us as a team and we know that come the qualifiers we will be much better because of it."

Drage's reminder

Defender Matt Drage's stunning late winner for Hampton & Richmond Borough in their 2-1 triumph will have come as no surprise to Ks fans – or himself, *writes Stuart Amos*.

The centre back, who quit Ks earlier in the season, fired home from the edge of the box and remind Beavers supporters and ex-Ks boss Alan Dowson of the goal scoring talents he has in his locker.

"I've scored quite a few like that. One this season for old Kingstonian against Met Police," he said.

"It was one of them where you just hit and hope really. It was a crowded box and in the 90th minute, so I thought I might as well give it a go.

"It was good to get the three points, hopefully, we can kick on and get away from the relegation zone."

HEAVY STUFF: KCS Old Boys suffered their heaviest defeat of the London Division Two South West season on Saturday with a 62-18 defeat at Winchester. Old Tiffinians beat Purley John Fisher 23-11 in Division Three South West, while Kingston went down 42-13 at home to Old Cranleighans in Surrey One. **Fixtures:** Old Wimbledonians v Kingston, Sandown & Shanklin v Old Tiffinians, KCS Old Boys v Portsmouth.

SOUR NOTE: Corinthian Casuals headed to Brazil this week on the back of a 5-1 home defeat to Redhill on Saturday. Former Kingstonian man Reece Hall notched a hat-trick for the visitors. Casuals will hope for better when they face South American giants SC Corinthians Paulista in Sao Paulo on Sunday.

FRESH: Matt Daly bagged a hat-trick as Surbiton's men won 8-1 in a friendly at fellow MHL Premier Division outfit Hampstead & Westminster on Sunday. They host Canterbury at Sugden Road this Sunday before the resumption of the outdoor campaign on January 31.

PERSONAL BEST: Ranelagh Harrier Raph Street clocked 15 minutes 16 seconds to win the Bushy Park parkrun on Saturday. Street finished third at the Surrey Cross-County Championships earlier this month.